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**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 5:12 PM  
**To:** BOS\_Legislative Assistants; Annette Ramirez; Catrina Christensen  
**Cc:** Rita L. Neal; Timothy McNulty  
**Subject:** FW: Resolution for DREAM Initiative  
**Attachments:** DREAM-Resolution-PDF.pdf

Board- see below, I believe you are familiar with this request.

Annette/Catrina- see the attached email and resolution for correspondence for the Diablo agenda item for posting.

Thanks,  
Dan

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**From:** Sam Blakeslee <[sambee@outlook.com](mailto:sambee@outlook.com)>  
**Date:** Friday, Jul 22, 2016, 1:30 PM  
**To:** Dan Buckshi <[dbuckshi@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:dbuckshi@co.slo.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Resolution for DREAM Initiative

Mr Buckshi:

Please find attached for review, and possible action, draft language for a Board resolution seeking to implement Measure A-2000 (also known as the DREAM Initiative) which seeks to protect the Diablo Canyon Lands. The resolution is intended to help the county take actions consistent with the voter's express wishes when they passed Measure A-2000 on March 7th, 2000 with 75% approval.

The matter has recently become timely, and perhaps even urgent, because PG&E's Joint Proposal governing the terms of Diablo's closure will go before the CPUC in the near future. It is important that the issue of the future disposition of the Diablo Canyon Lands be included in any plant closure plan. Given the County's role in the deliberations and refinement of that plan, which made no mention of these lands, it is entirely appropriate for the County to champion this goal of coastal protection internally, with PG&E, and in communications with relevant regulatory bodies.

A failure to act now could cause the County to miss an critically important opportunity to protect these precious lands, which is what the voters intended and asked of the Board when they passed the DREAM Initiative.

Respectfully,

Sam Blakeslee  
DREAM Initiative Sponsor

## **A Resolution to Adopt Policies and Take Actions to Protect and Preserve the Diablo Canyon Lands Consistent with the Measure A-2000**

Whereas on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) announced its decision to not pursue license renewal for the two reactors at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (Diablo Canyon) which will result in its closure by no later than 2025;

Whereas PG&E announced a Joint Proposal to govern the closure of Diablo Canyon which includes a Community Impacts Mitigation Program (CIMP) to help compensate San Luis Obispo County for the loss of property taxes associated with the declining rate base in Diablo Canyon through a transition period ending in 2025;

Whereas PG&E has asked the community for input and feedback regarding how to best mitigate the impacts of the pending closure of Diablo Canyon, particularly during this time while the Joint Proposal is being refined for the purposes of presentation to and adoption by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC);

Whereas some mitigation actions, including how certain real estate assets are handled or disposed of once they are no longer needed after the plant closes, may entail decisions by PG&E which do not require expenditures from the CIMP yet could provide significant long-term improvement to the environmental and economic wellbeing of the community and should therefore be considered and valued highly as a real benefit to the community in any closure plan;

Whereas tourism is a vital driver of jobs and economic activity in San Luis Obispo County with 2015 local travel and tourist spending estimated at over \$1.58 billion; and, tourism provides the additional benefit of employing 17,870 residents which comprises 10.4% of total county employment, and tourism provides support for government services through the generation of \$132 million in local and state tax receipts, according to a 2015 report created by Dean Runyan Associates;

Whereas an indispensable contributor to the success of our local tourist economy is our world-class coastal vistas and publicly accessible state parks and visitor destinations including Hearst Castle, Montana de Oro State Park, Pismo State Beach, Estero Bay, Cayucos State Beach, Los Osos Oaks State Reserve, Morro Bay State Park, San Simeon State Park, W.R. Hearst Memorial State Beach, the Hearst Ranch Coast including San Simeon Point, and the Guadalupe Nipomo Dunes;

Whereas PG&E is one of the largest landowners in the state and among their holdings are the Diablo Canyon Lands which entail 14 miles and 12,000 acres of relatively pristine coastline extending from the southern border of Montana de Oro to the community of Avila Beach and includes the historic Fields Ranch, Marre Ranch, and Wild Cherry Canyon;

Whereas the Diablo Canyon Lands are the largest remaining segment of undeveloped privately owned coastline in San Luis Obispo County and those lands have been well-stewarded by the PG&E through their Diablo Canyon Lands Stewardship Program (DCLSP) and has received the Wildlife

Habitat Council's Corporate Lands for Learning accreditation recognizing commendable wildlife habitat management and environmental education programs;

Whereas the natural resource and scenic value of the Diablo Canyon Lands and the nearby Irish Hills have been identified as particularly important for protection from development by The Nature Conservancy's 2000 report, "Conserving the Landscapes of San Luis Obispo County, as well as by California state agencies ranging from the Wildlife Conservation Board, California State Coastal Conservancy, Department of Parks and Recreation, Coastal Commission, CALTRANS, State Water Board, and the Regional Water Quality Conservation Board many of which have already demonstrated a willingness to fund or support conservation efforts for these lands through fee title purchase, conservation easement, or mitigative agreements;

Whereas a county-wide advisory measure known as the Diablo REsources Advisory Measure (DREAM Initiative) was written with the goal of providing a vote of the people as a means to advise the Board of Supervisors regarding the wishes of San Luis Obispo County residents with respect to the future of the Diablo Canyon Lands after the remaining operating life of Diablo Canyon;

Whereas on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1999 the Board of Supervisors placed the Diablo REsources Advisory Measure on the ballot via Resolution 99-424 with a unanimous Board vote of then Supervisors Peg Pinard, Mike Ryan, Shirley Bianchi, Harry Ovitt, and Katcho Achadjian;

Whereas the measure received bipartisan support from our community's state and federal elected representatives Congresswoman Lois Capps, Senator Jack O'Connell, and Assemblyman Abel Maldonado;

Whereas the measure was endorsed by civic and non-profit organizations as diverse as the San Luis Chamber of Commerce, the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo, the Avila Valley Advisory Council, the Los Osos Community Services District, the California Native Plant Society, the Central Coast Natural History Association, the Friends of the Estuary, the Friends of the Ranchland, the Morro Coast Audubon, the Morro Estuary Greenbelt Alliance, the North Coast Alliance, the People for the Nipomo Dunes, and Small Wilderness Area Preservation;

Whereas the Tribune, the local paper of record, endorsed the measure and opined in a February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000, editorial that preserving this land would be **"one of the great environmental achievements in the county's history"**, and **"The measure was brought about by a thoroughly collaborative effort. We should speak loud and clear by voting overwhelmingly in favor of Measure A"**;

Whereas PG&E, the property owner, participated in the wording of the initiative to address particular operational issues and subsequently endorsed the measure with PG&E Manager Missie Hobson stating in a Tribune article on October 20, 1999, that **"It's because of PG&E's good stewardship that we support the DREAM Initiative"**, and PG&E spokesman Jeff Lewis stating in a LA Times article on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000, that **"From PG&E's point of view, the goals it expresses for the land are consistent with ours"**;

Whereas The Local Impacts of Decommissioning the Diablo Canyon Power Plant Report, dated March 2010, which was prepared for PG&E and the CPUC, stated, **"A likely scenario would be similar to the Hearst San Simeon Ranch agreement, where PG&E would offer to sell whatever**

**development rights the company retains to the Coastal Conservancy. Hiking and bicycle paths would likely be constructed on the property as an extension to Montaña de Oro State Park, adjacent to Los Osos. If some portion of the property surrounding Diablo Canyon is opened for recreational use, new hiking, biking and surfing venues could be provided to visitors."**

Whereas on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000, the DREAM Initiative was voted upon by the electorate as Measure A-2000 and received overwhelming support by the public with 75% of San Luis Obispo County voters supporting the Measure and with a remarkable 80% of all coastal voters in Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3 urging the future protection and preservation of the Diablo Canyon Lands;

Whereas Measure A-2000 succinctly advises the County Board of Supervisors to **"recognize the Diablo Canyon Lands as an exceptionally precious coastal resource by adopting policies that promote habitat preservation, sustainable agricultural activities, and public use and enjoyment consistent with public safety and property rights once the lands are no longer needed as an emergency planning buffer for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant after its remaining operating life";**

Whereas no immediate action was needed back in 2000 to implement the express wishes of the public but that action now by the Board of Supervisors is necessary to ensure that this issue is included in the deliberations by the California Public Utilities Commission which will review and act on PG&E's proposed Joint Proposal for the planned closure of Diablo Canyon.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved and Ordered, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo the following:**

It is the policy of SLO County that the public's will as expressed by the Measure A-2000 shall be reflected in the actions of the Board and by all departments of the County that deal the Diablo Canyon Lands, and in communications with the CPUC and other relevant state and federal agencies;

That a letter be written to PG&E requesting that:

The utility pursue the long-term protection and preservation of all of the Diablo Canyon Lands in a manner that is consistent with Measure A-2000, and

Neither the utility nor any PG&E subsidiary convey fee title to any of the Diablo Canyon Lands, including Wild Cherry Canyon, to an entity with development interest which is inconsistent with Measure A-2000, and

The utility participate with the County in an open and transparent process that includes the surrounding community, state and federal agencies, non-profit land conservation organizations, and other stakeholders to solicit input for the development of a long-range strategic plan for the Diablo Canyon Lands that is consistent with Measure A-2000, and

The utility work cooperatively with state agencies and non-profit land trusts that could help provide funding to implement the goals of Measure A-2000.